

I would like to express my concern over SB 463 proposed for session year 2016. I believe this bill is poorly structured in that it allows municipalities unwarranted powers to impose unduly harsh penalties for minor infractions. The claiming of personal property is an extreme measure that places severe financial hardship on the owner of dirtbike in the case of an infraction. If the intent of the bill is to prevent hooliganism in urban areas, it should be written in such a way that address this issue in particular. The current bill allows municipalities to define the both the infraction and the penalty, and is not concise as to what recourse a violator may have. Specifying three or more vehicles as a qualifier is not adequate, as three or more people frequently ride on forested trails in pursuit of legitimate and unobtrusive recreation.

More than likely those who will be punished are those who respect laws and submit to law enforcement, while those hooligans that should be punished, and who should be the target of this bill, will not surrender themselves to law enforcement since they defy law enforcement now when they violate motorvehicle regulations already in place.

In my opinion, better use of legislative time would be to establish recreational areas that allow for legal use of off road vehicles.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

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